

I am opposed to forcing manufacturers of televisions, TV receivers, and computers to add mechanisms to prevent copying of broadcast TV material. First, this could infringe on my existing fair-use rights. Second, products are already available commercially that do not have these mechanisms in place, so this is locking the barn door after the horses are already out. One individual outside of US jurisdiction with one of these existing devices could freely copy broadcast material and redistribute it on The Internet. Third, the entertainment industry should not receive protections not available to others. When the internal combustion engine was developed, no one protected the manufacturers of steam engines. The capitalist credo should be adapt or die. The entertainment industry is not willing to adapt, they want to change the rules of the game to ensure they cannot lose. Please do not permit them to further lock down the industry under the guise of preventing piracy.